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SUBJECT: NEGOTIATIONS WITH PHILIPPINE MUSLIMS

1. SAUDI PRESS JAN 19 REPORTS THAT SEC GEN OF ISLAMIC SEC-
RETARIAT TUHAIMY HAS ANNOUNCED THAT AN "HONORABLE AGREEMENT"
HAS BEEN REACHED BETWEEN PHILIPPINE GOVERNMENT DELEGATION
AND MORO LIBERATION FRONT DELEGATION IN TALKS HELD LAST FEW DAYS
IN JIDDA. AGREEMENT IS SAID TO OPEN THE ROAD TO BOTH PARTIES
TO SETTLE OUTSTANDING ISSUES AND TO "REGAIN THEIR RIGHTS."

2. PRESS JAN 20 CARRIES REPORT DATED LINED TRIPOLI QUOTING
GOP EXECUTIVE SECRETARY MELCHOR AS SAYING AGREE-
MENT PROVIDES FOR STOPPING FIGHTING TO ENABLE A PEACEFUL
SETTLEMENT TO BE REACHED.

2. DIRECTOR EASTERN AFFAIRS IN THE FOREIGN MINISTRY,
AHMED SIRAJ, CONFIRMED JAN 20 THAT A PRELIMINARY AGREEMENT
HAD BEEN REACHED. AS A RESULT TUHAIMY AND MELCHOR
SUDDENLY FLEW OFF TO LIBYA AND EGYPT JAN 18 (REQUIRING
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TUHAIMY TO CALL OFF AT THE LAST MINUTE A JAN 19 APPOINTMENT

WITH THE AMBASSADOR) TO EXPLAIN THE AGREEMENT TO LEADERS OF THOSE COUNTRIES. THEY WILL BE RETURNING TO JIDDA TONIGHT (JAN 20) TO RESUME THE TALKS AND CLEAR UP DETAILS.

3. SIRAJ EMPHASIZED THE PRELIMINARY NATURE OF THE AGREEMENT REACHED SO FAR, RAISING THE POSSIBILITY THAT TUHAIMY'S CLAIM OF AN "HONORABLE AGREEMENT" MAY BE CORRECT AS FAR AS IT GOES BUT THAT IT IS PERHAPS MISLEADINGLY OPTIMISTIC AT THIS JUNCTURE.
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